

SUMMARY OF INTERVIEW

Attendees, Date and Type of Interview

The telephonic interview was conducted on August 9, 2011 and attended by Examiner Felicia King, the Examiner's supervisor Humera Sheikh, Applicants representatives David K. Buckingham, Peter Wiles, and Christine Egan.

Exhibits and/or Demonstrations

None

Identification of Claims Discussed

Pending Claims

Identification of Prior Art Discussed

Cited prior art

Proposed Amendments

Applicants proposed clarifying amendments to Claims 2 and 4.

Principal Arguments and Other Matters

Applicants argued against the 112 rejections. Applicants argued that Johnston fails to disclose a process where the cheese could be frozen and thawed while maintaining a smooth texture as recited in Claim 1. Applicants also argued that the combinations failed to teach inactivation of the microorganisms.

Results of Interview

The Examiner agreed that the 112 rejections should be addressed by the Applicants arguments and proposed clarifying amendments. No agreement was reached with respect to the substantive rejections.